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SUBJECT: CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S ATTENDANCE AT SHARM  
AL-SHEIKH CONFERENCE

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[1](#)1. (U) Canadian Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon on February 26 confirmed that he would take part in the March 2 "Conference in Support of the Palestinian Economy for the Reconstruction of Gaza" in Sharm al-Sheikh Egypt (reftels). He underscored that Canada had made a five year commitment beginning in 2006 worth C\$300 million for assistance to the Palestinian people, as well as an additional C\$4 million in January 2009 for pressing humanitarian needs in Gaza.

[1](#)2. (U) On the same trip, FM Cannon will separately meet with Jordanian, Israeli, Palestinian, and Egyptian leaders and ministers. He expressed appreciation for the "constructive approach of key moderate states in the region, such as Jordan and Egypt." He pledged "Canada's full support" for a comprehensive peace agreement between Israel and Palestine, while emphasizing that "Canada will support only those Palestinian leaders who understand that civil order and an end to terrorism are essential conditions for the fulfillment of Palestinian national ambitions." He reiterated Canada's support for "Israel's right to protect its citizens and defend itself."

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